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problem in this state is that there is not only a lack of childcare, quality childcare, there's a lack of childcare, period. We have so many women working. We are among the highest in the United States of both members of a family, both adult members of a family working. But again, I reiterate LB 925 is simply a tax credit, tax incentive for businesses to do the right thing. I am really, really grateful to Senator Landis for putting the quality aspect of it in and extending it for two years. I do think that quality care is very, very important. And, yes, Senator Brown, I think that it is a state duty to make sure that quality childcare is provided in 0 to 3 years of age because that is when we learn, our brain develops, the synapses are completed and are begun I mean and that is when it is most important to have quality childcare. And in the long run, that will save the state money. And I just think that it's a very good thing to have quality childcare. And even though the Raikes amendment looks somewhat as if it will not pass, I will support Senator Raikes because I believe so fervently about quality care. And I don't care how long it takes that it really should...all child-care centers should strive for quality childcare. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Suttle. Senator Stuhr, you're recognized on the Raikes amendment to the Landis amendment.

SENATOR STUHR: I call the question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question before the body is, shall debate cease on the Raikes amendment to the Landis amendment to LB 925? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on ceasing debate on the Raikes amendment. Have you all voted who care to on ceasing debate? Have you all voted? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Debate does cease. Senator Raikes, you're recognized to close on your amendment, AM3338.